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The Honorable Ed Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bobby Rush
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: IECA Supports H.R. 2042, the "Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015"

Dear Chairman Whitfield and Ranking Member Rush:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of H.R. 2042, the "Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015."

IECA companies are energy-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) industries, which means that relatively small changes to the price of energy can have significant negative impacts to our competitiveness. EITE industries consume 73 percent of the entire manufacturing sector's use of electricity (26% of U.S.), 75 percent of the natural gas (29% of U.S.), and 82 percent of all energy from the manufacturing sector.

IECA believes that the courts will determine that the EPA's Clean Power Plan (CPP) proposed rule is illegal in whole or in part, and will result in significant changes to the rule. Given this belief, it is not advisable for states to spend what will be a significant amount of time and money developing a State Implementation Plan (SIP) until after judicial review.

All costs of the proposed rule will be passed onto us, the consumer and will directly impact competitiveness and jobs. It is not prudent for states to make decisions, for example, to force the costly shutdown of coal-fired power plants to meet a compliance target, when the CPP could be substantially changed.

Secondly, because of how the proposed rule is devised, some states are significantly impacted by the rule with direct impacts to higher electricity and natural gas prices, and job and investment declines, resulting in slower economic growth. Because of these impacts and others, state Governors should have the ability to opt-out from this rule.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: U.S. House of Representatives

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 2,900 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.4 million employees worldwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through advocacy and collaboration for which the availability, use and cost of energy, power or feedstock play a significant role in their ability to compete in domestic and world markets. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including: chemical, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.